

SENATE BILL 9018

By Pody

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37;  
Title 39; Title 63 and Title 68, relative to medical  
treatment of minors.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by  
adding the following as a new section:

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Healthcare practitioner" means a person licensed under this title;

(2) "Legal guardian" means an individual or entity that has the legal  
authority to provide for the care, supervision, or control of a minor as established  
by law or court order;

(3) "Medical treatment" means an immunization, vaccination, or injection  
for the SARS-CoV-2 virus or a variant of the SARS-CoV-2 virus; and

(4) "Minor":

(A) Means an individual who has not attained eighteen (18) years  
of age; and

(B) Does not include an individual who has been emancipated  
pursuant to title 29, chapter 31.

(b) On and after the effective date of this act, a healthcare practitioner shall not  
provide a patient who is a minor with medical treatment without first obtaining written  
consent from a legal guardian of the minor.

(c) A violation of subsection (b) by a healthcare practitioner constitutes  
unprofessional conduct and the healthcare practitioner's license is subject to disciplinary

action by the healthcare practitioner's licensing authority in accordance with the procedures provided under this title and rules promulgated by the licensing authority.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.